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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims (deleted text being struck through and added text being underlined):

1 1. (Previously Presented) A mobile ice fishing shelter assembly
2 comprising:
3 a vehicle having a seat portion and a drive assembly;
4 a shelter assembly coupled to said vehicle, said shelter assembly being
5 adjustable between a retracted position and a deployed position;
6 said seat portion including at least one pivotable seat member for
7 adjusting a position of a user to selectively facilitate driving said vehicle
8 and fishing to a side of said vehicle while seated on said seat portion;
9 said drive assembly including a drive track adapted for engaging a
10 ground surface for moving said vehicle.

2. (Cancelled)

1 3. (Previously Presented) The mobile ice fishing shelter assembly of
2 claim 1 wherein said drive track is selectively retractable into said vehicle
3 to lower the vehicle for stabilization while the shelter is in said deployed
4 position.

1 4. (Original) The mobile ice fishing shelter assembly of claim 1
2 wherein said vehicle includes an adjustable suspension assembly for
3 accommodating variances in weight supported by said vehicle such that said
4 seat portion is in a substantially horizontal orientation during use.

1 5. (Original) The mobile ice fishing shelter assembly of claim 1
2 wherein said shelter assembly includes a frame assembly and a cover
3 member coupled to said frame assembly.

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1 6. (Original) The mobile ice fishing shelter assembly of claim 5
2 wherein said frame assembly includes a static connection member and at
3 least one movable frame member coupled to said connection member.

7. through 9. (Cancelled)

1 10. (Original) The mobile ice fishing shelter assembly of claim 1,
2 further comprising:
3 a rack positioned on a front of said vehicle, said rack being adapted
4 for carrying equipment, said rack being positioned on said front of said
5 vehicle for balancing weight distribution on said vehicle.

1 11. (Original) The mobile ice fishing shelter of claim 5, further
2 comprising:
3 said frame assembly including two static base members coupled to said
4 vehicle, said frame assembly further including a plurality of movable frame
5 members each being coupled to an associated one of said static base
6 members for extending to each side of said vehicle such that the user is
7 enclosed within said shelter assembly when said shelter assembly is in said
8 deployed position.

1 12. (Previously Presented) A mobile ice fishing shelter assembly
2 comprising:
3 a vehicle having a seat portion and a drive assembly;
4 a shelter assembly coupled to said vehicle, said shelter assembly being
5 adjustable between a retracted position and a deployed position;
6 said seat portion including at least one pivotable seat member for
7 adjusting a position of a user to selectively facilitate driving said vehicle
8 and fishing to a side of said vehicle while seated on said seat portion;
9 wherein said shelter assembly includes a frame assembly and a cover
10 member coupled to said frame assembly;

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11 said frame assembly including two static base members coupled to said
12 vehicle, said frame assembly further including a plurality of movable frame
13 members each being coupled to an associated one of said static base
14 members for extending to each side of said vehicle such that the user is
15 enclosed within said shelter assembly when said shelter assembly is in said
16 deployed position;

17 wherein front portions of said static base members are spaced apart
18 adjacent to a front of said vehicle;

19 a portion of said cover extending between said front portions of said
20 static base members; and

21 said cover including a clear portion being positioned between said
22 front portions of said static base members for forming a windshield.

1 13. (Original) The mobile ice fishing shelter of claim 1, further
2 comprising:

3 a steering wheel coupled to said vehicle, said steering wheel being
4 tilted upwardly for preserving space adjacent to said seat portion and for
5 balancing weight distribution on said vehicle.

1 14. (Previously Presented) A mobile ice fishing shelter assembly
2 comprising:

3 a vehicle having a seat portion and a drive assembly;

4 a shelter assembly coupled to said vehicle, said shelter assembly being
5 adjustable between a retracted position and a deployed position;

6 said seat portion including at least one pivotable seat member for
7 adjusting a position of a user to selectively facilitate driving said vehicle
8 and fishing to a side of said vehicle while seated on said seat portion;

9 a skirt being positionable to extend from said seat portion toward the
10 ground surface for preventing wind from entering said shelter assembly from
11 beneath said vehicle.

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1 15. (Previously Presented) The mobile ice fishing shelter assembly
2 of claim 14, further comprising:

3 said skirt having a medial portion and a pair of outer portions coupled
4 said medial portion, said medial portion being coupled to said seat portion,
5 said outer portions being positionable relative to said medial portion such
6 that said skirt is generally U-shaped and said outer portions extend away
7 from said vehicle adjacent to a bottom of said shelter assembly when said
8 shelter assembly is in said deployed position.

1 16. (Previously Presented) The mobile ice fishing shelter assembly
2 of claim 1,

3 wherein said drive track is selectively retractable into said vehicle to
4 lower the vehicle for stabilization while the shelter is in said deployed
5 position;

6 wherein said vehicle includes an adjustable suspension assembly for
7 accommodating variances in weight supported by said vehicle such that said
8 seat portion is in a substantially horizontal orientation during use;

9 wherein said shelter assembly includes a frame assembly and a cover
10 member coupled to said frame assembly;

11 wherein said frame assembly includes a static connection member and
12 at least one movable frame member coupled to said connection member;

13 wherein said seat portion includes a central portion supporting said
14 seat member and a platform extending outwardly from said central portion
15 for supporting the user's feet;

16 wherein said platform is a first side platform, said seat portion further
17 including a second side platform, each of said first and second side
18 platforms being positioned on a respective side of said central portion of
19 said seat portion;

20 further comprising a bucket, and wherein a width of said platform is
21 sufficient to support said bucket on said platform;

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22 further comprising a rack positioned on a front of said vehicle, said
23 rack being adapted for carrying equipment, said rack being positioned on
24 said front of said vehicle for balancing weight distribution on said vehicle;

25 wherein said frame assembly includes two static base members coupled
26 to said vehicle, said frame assembly further including a plurality of movable
27 frame members each being coupled to an associated one of said static base
28 members for extending to each side of said vehicle such that the user is
29 enclosed within said shelter assembly when said shelter assembly is in said
30 deployed position;

31 wherein front portions of said static base members are spaced apart
32 adjacent to a front of said vehicle;

33 wherein a portion of said cover extends between said front portions of
34 said static base members;

35 wherein said cover includes a clear portion being positioned between
36 said front portions of said static base members for forming a windshield;

37 further comprising a steering wheel coupled to said vehicle, said
38 steering wheel being tilted upwardly for preserving space adjacent to said
39 seat portion and for balancing weight distribution on said vehicle;

40 further comprising a skirt being positionable to extend from said seat
41 portion toward the ground surface for preventing wind from entering said
42 shelter assembly from beneath said vehicle; and

43 wherein said skirt has a medial portion and a pair of outer portions
44 coupled said medial portion, said medial portion being coupled to said seat
45 portion, said outer portions being positionable relative to said medial
46 portion such that said skirt is generally U-shaped and said outer portions
47 extend away from said vehicle adjacent to a bottom of said shelter assembly
48 when said shelter assembly is in said deployed position.

17. (Cancelled)

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1 18. (Currently Amended) A mobile ice fishing shelter assembly
2 comprising:

3 a vehicle having a seat portion and a drive assembly;

4 a shelter assembly coupled to said vehicle, said shelter assembly being
5 adjustable between a retracted position and a deployed position;

6 said seat portion including at least one pivotable seat member for
7 adjusting a position of a user to selectively facilitate driving said vehicle
8 and fishing to a side of said vehicle while seated on said seat portion;

9 said seat portion including a central portion supporting said seat
10 member and a platform extending outwardly from said central portion for
11 supporting feet of the user; and

12 a skirt being positionable to extend from said seat portion toward the
13 ground surface for preventing wind from entering said shelter assembly from
14 beneath the vehicle.

1 19. (Previously Presented) The mobile ice fishing shelter assembly
2 of claim 18 wherein said platform is a first side platform, said seat portion
3 further including a second side platform, each of said first and second side
4 platforms being positioned on a respective side of said central portion of
5 said seat portion.

20. (Cancelled)

1 21. (Currently Amended) ~~The~~ A mobile ice fishing shelter assembly
2 of claim 7 for positioning on a vehicle, said mobile ice fishing shelter
3 assembly comprising:

4 a shelter assembly for mounting on the vehicle, said shelter assembly
5 being adjustable between a retracted position and a deployed position; and

6 a seat portion for mounting on the vehicle, said seat portion including
7 a central portion and a platform extending outwardly from said central
8 portion for supporting feet of the user;

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9 at least one pivotable seat member on said central portion of said seat
10 portion for adjusting a position of a user to selectively facilitate driving
11 said vehicle and fishing to a side of said vehicle while seated on said seat
12 member;

13 wherein said seat portion includes a substantially vertical outer wall
14 mounted on said platform and positioned in a spaced and substantially
15 parallel relationship to said central portion of said seat portion. [[[.]]]

1 22. (Currently Amended) ~~The A~~ mobile ice fishing shelter assembly
2 of claim 7 for positioning on a vehicle, said mobile ice fishing shelter
3 assembly comprising:

4 a shelter assembly for mounting on the vehicle, said shelter assembly
5 being adjustable between a retracted position and a deployed position; and
6 a seat portion for mounting on the vehicle, said seat portion including
7 a central portion and a platform extending outwardly from said central
8 portion for supporting feet of the user;

9 at least one pivotable seat member on said central portion of said seat
10 portion for adjusting a position of a user to selectively facilitate driving
11 said vehicle and fishing to a side of said vehicle while seated on said seat
12 member;

13 wherein said seat portion includes a substantially vertical rear wall
14 extending substantially perpendicular to a length direction of said central
15 portion of said seat portion, said rear wall being mounted on at least a
16 portion of said platform and at least a portion of said central portion of said
17 seat portion..